





# ALL SAINTS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Second Sunday after Epiphany January 18, 2026

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One, and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.



### WE WELCOME ALL GUESTS AND VISITORS

Come share the good news of Jesus Christ, God's gift of love to the world.

We call our style of worship "liturgy", a Greek word that means "the work of the people" and describes a pattern of songs, responses, and scripture readings.

We invite all guests and visitors to participate in voice and song.

- This bulletin includes responses, readings, and prayers for today.
- The service liturgy is printed in the hymnal. Page numbers in the bulletin refer to the front part of the book.
- Hymn numbers are indicated by # and refer to the music found in the back of the book. Please feel free to join in the singing.

Visitors interested in becoming a member, please speak with Pastor today.

ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in the sharing of this bread and wine are extended His invitation to come forward and receive Holy Communion at this service.

## The Service 11:00 AM

Prelude and Silent Meditation

Words of Welcome

*[stand]*

Confession and Forgiveness

**P** Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, †Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Mighty God, lover of justice,

**C you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

**P** The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

**C Amen.**

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP THE LORD

Hymn

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Greeting

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The Kyrie

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The Hymn of Praise – “Glory to God”

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The Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**☒ And also with you.**

**☐ Let us pray together:**

**☒ Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children in grades Pre-K-5th join together for Kids' Kingdom.

*[sit]*

## **WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

**The First Reading:** Isaiah 49:1-7

**L**isten to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
<sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
<sup>3</sup> And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
<sup>4</sup> But I said, "I have labored in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,  
and my reward with my God."  
<sup>5</sup> And now the LORD says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength--  
<sup>6</sup> he says,  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,

that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

- <sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
"Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

**The Psalm: #40:1-11**

*(spoken)*

- <sup>1</sup> I waited patiently<sup>1</sup> for the LORD;  
he inclined to me and<sup>1</sup> heard my cry.
- <sup>2</sup> **He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the<sup>1</sup> miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock, making my<sup>1</sup> steps secure.**
- <sup>3</sup> He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise<sup>1</sup> to our God.  
Many will see and fear, and put their trust<sup>1</sup> in the LORD.
- <sup>4</sup> **Happy are those who make the<sup>1</sup> LORD their trust,  
who do not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray af-<sup>1</sup>ter false gods.**
- <sup>5</sup> You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds  
and your thoughts toward us; none can com-<sup>1</sup>pare with you.  
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,  
they would be more than<sup>1</sup> can be counted.
- <sup>6</sup> **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,  
but you have given me an<sup>1</sup> open ear.  
Burnt offering and sin offering you have<sup>1</sup> not required.**
- <sup>7</sup> Then I said,<sup>1</sup> "Here I am;  
in the scroll of the book it is writ-<sup>1</sup>ten of me.
- <sup>8</sup> **I delight to do your will,<sup>1</sup> O my God;  
your law is with-<sup>1</sup>in my heart."**
- <sup>9</sup> I have told the glad news of deliverance  
in the great<sup>1</sup> congregation;  
see, I have not restrained my lips, as you<sup>1</sup> know, O LORD.
- <sup>10</sup> **I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and<sup>1</sup> your salvation;  
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your**

**faithfulness from the great | congregation.**

<sup>11</sup> Do not, O LORD, withhold your | mercy from me;  
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness  
keep me | safe forever.

**The Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

**P**aul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,  
and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are  
sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all  
those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord  
Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because  
of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in  
every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and  
knowledge of every kind-- <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has  
been strengthened among you-- <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any  
spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
<sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be  
blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful; by  
him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

*[stand]*

The Alleluia Verse

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The Gospel Responses

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**The Holy Gospel:** John 1:29-42

**T**he next day [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him  
and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the  
sin of the world!" <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a  
man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup> I myself  
did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason,  
that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup> And John testified, "I saw

the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

*[sit]*

The Sermon

*[stand]*

The Hymn of the Day

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The Apostles' Creed

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*[sit]*

The Prayers

**A** As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*A brief silence.*

**A** Gracious God, gather the church into one great fellowship. Equip your people to work together for justice and peace,

following the example of Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, whose birth we remember this week.

Merciful God,

**☞ receive our prayer.**

**A** Creating God, sustain the web of life on this planet. Protect wild places, endangered species, and vulnerable habitats. Come to the aid of those affected by natural disasters.

Merciful God,

**☞ receive our prayer.**

**A** Just God, you desire respect and equality for everyone. Raise up prophets who speak truth to the nations. Embolden leaders and those in authority to advocate for people in need.

Merciful God,

**☞ receive our prayer.**

**A** Healing God, you lift up those who are bowed down by trouble, oppression, or illness (*especially*). Merciful God,

**☞ receive our prayer.**

**A** Abiding God, you are present with this congregation. Keep us mindful of our missions and guide our ministries in this community. Kindle in us a desire to help one another.

Merciful God,

**☞ receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** Faithful God, you promise to be with us always. We remember with gratitude the faithful departed who now rest in you. Strengthen us to the end, that we may see you face to face.

Merciful God,

**☞ receive our prayer.**

**P** Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**☞ Amen.**

*[stand]*

The Peace

*[sit]*

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Preparation of the Lord's table  
Choir Anthem

*[stand]*

The Offertory – “Let the Vineyards” pg 35

The Offertory Prayer

**A** God of majesty,

**G** no eye has seen, no ear has heard, what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**WE CELEBRATE AT CHRIST'S TABLE**

The Great Thanksgiving

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The Sanctus – “Holy, holy, holy, ...” pg 36

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The Lord's Prayer pg 39

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Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God” pg 39

The Distribution

**We offer both wine and grape juice during Communion. If you wish grape juice instead of wine, please express your desire to the Deacon or Worship Assistant when you come forward to receive.**

(Little children with hands extended will receive a “fish” cracker reminding them that “Jesus Christ, God's Son, is their Savior”. The fish was an ancient symbol that the early Christians used to identify one another. Each letter of the Greek word for “fish” is the starting letter for the words, “Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior”.)

Hymn During Distribution WOV # 642

*[stand]*

Post Communion Cantic – “Thankful hearts...” pg 40

Post Communion Prayer

**A** Radiant God,

**G** we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have

seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

**WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE**

The Blessing *(sung by all)*

**☐ The Lord bless and keep you,  
the Lord make his face to shine on you,  
and be gracious, gracious.  
The Lord bless and keep you,  
the Lord lift his countenance on you,  
and give peace, give you peace.  
Shalom. Shalom. Shalom.**

Hymn

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The Dismissal

**☐ People of All Saints, loved by God,  
what have you been called to do?  
☐ Live the love of Christ!  
☐ Go in peace to serve in love.  
☐ Thanks be to God!  
Give us courage to follow wherever you lead us.**

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***ENTER TO WORSHIP – EXIT TO SERVE***

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Next week's lessons: Isaiah 9:1-4, Psalm 27:1, 4-9,  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS and Other Volunteers

|                | <u>Through Today</u>           | <u>Beginning Tomorrow</u>      |
|----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Worship Leader | Rev. Devie Ellis               | Rev David Ellis                |
| Deacon         | Barbara Kurasch                | Ron Heintz                     |
| Ushers         | Frank Wald & Volunteer         | Frank Wald & Volunteer         |
| Lay Reader     | Lori Gawlak                    | Ron Heintz                     |
| Crucifer       | Volunteer                      | Volunteer                      |
| Count          | Linda Spencer &<br>Beth Cheney | Linda Spencer &<br>Beth Cheney |
| Altar Guild    | Louise Peters &<br>Lori Gawlak | Gail Hellert                   |
| Cleaning       | Joan Fabian                    | Bev Blette                     |

## THIS WEEK

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| Today     | 9:30AM    | Bible Study                            |
|           | 11:00AM   | Worship, Holy Communion, Kid's Kingdom |
| Wednesday | 6:30 PM   | MSP/SECC meeting                       |
| Friday    | 10:15AM   | Choir Practice                         |
| Saturday  | 9AM – 2PM | Red Cross Blood Drive                  |
| Sunday    | 9:30AM    | Bible Study                            |
|           | 11:00AM   | Worship, Holy Communion, Kid's Kingdom |

PASTOR SCOTT HANNON is holding a bible study on Wednesday mornings at 11 AM at First Lutheran. This is designed for everyone and no preparation is needed. If you have a bible, please bring it with you. This will be a place to talk about scripture.

ALMS BOX money collected will go to Hearts to Homeless for this quarter.

BUDGET—Bless you for your generous financial offerings, which ensure the continuation of the ministries at All Saints, our surrounding communities, the Niagara Frontier Conference, the Upstate New York Synod, our nation, and around the world.

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